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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA HARASSMENT OF REFERENDUM

1. PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG YOM INFORMED ME JAN 28 THAT PRESIDENT PARK IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO HARASS REFERENDUM. NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS ON DMZ HAVE PARTICULARLY STIMULATED THIS CONCERN ON PART OF PRESIDENT PARK. PARK IS WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN OPERATIONS AGAINST NORTHWEST COASTAL ISLANDS. DMZ INCIDENTS OR EVEN FROG MISSILE ATTACK ON SEOUL.

2. PRESIDENT PARK HAS THEREFORE DIRECTED MND TO CONSULT WITH UNC ON CONTINGENCY PLANS AND TO INCREASE VIGILANCE BETWEEN NOW AND TIME OF REFERENDUM, AND PARTICULARLY ON FEB 12, REFERENDUM DAY. MND MINISTER HAS SPOKEN TO GENERAL STILWELL ALREADY AND PRESIDENT PARK VISITED MND HEADQUARTERS JAN 28 TO CHECK ON PROGRESS OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING. GENERAL STILWELL HAS AGREED TO CONSULT WITH JOINT STAFF ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES. HE WILL MAKE EFFORT TO CALM PARK'S ANXIETIES, WHICH WE BOTH THINK ARE EXAGGERATED.

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